

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOHN KOZA—EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize John Koza, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. John is a senior at Gloucester County Institute of Technology and is enrolled in the Performing Arts Academy. He will be attending Rowan University in the fall, pursuing a dual degree in Business and Political Science. For his Eagle Scout Project, John oversaw the construction and staining of a bookcase, cabinet, and safety measures at Saint Margaret's Church of the Infant Jesus Parish in Woodbury Heights. With the help of scouts and adult volunteers, the project took 153 hours to complete. John held positions as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Bugler, and Den Chief throughout his time as a scout. John attended the National Jamboree in 2017 and remains one of his most memorable highlights of his scouting experience. John earned a total of 28 merit badges and obtained his BSA Lifeguard Certification during his time as a Scout. John has done wonderful things for the South Jersey community over the years, and I know he will excel at Rowan University. God Bless John and God Bless America.

HONORING AVERY FRENCH OF  
TURKEY HILL SCHOOL IN OR-  
ANGE, CONNECTICUT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

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Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit essays that share their thoughts on Memorial Day and its meaning to them. Submissions from each of the community's three elementary schools are selected to be included in the ceremony. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the words of this year's winners and am pleased to have this opportunity to share them.

Avery French, a student at Turkey Hill School submitted the following essay:

Memorial Day is a special holiday for all Americans. We celebrate and honor all the soldiers who have bravely given up their lives so we could be a free country. We honor those who fought for our country's future generations. All the soldiers we honor today cared about more than just themselves, they thought about us and sacrificed their lives for the future of our country.

Memorial Day shouldn't be confused with the similar holiday, Veterans Day. Veterans Day honors all who have served in the armed

forces while Memorial Day honors those who have died in the forces. Memorial Day was originally given the name Decoration Day because of the tradition of people decorating the graves of the country's fallen heroes. Memorial Day was officially titled a federal holiday in 1971. The tradition of honoring the fallen soldiers started the years following the Civil War. The Civil War claimed many lives of the country's soldiers. People held tributes in the late 60's, around the time the Civil War ended, to honor the dead soldiers, leaving flowers and other decorations at their graves. While it is unclear how the tradition started, it was declared by the Federal Government in 1966 that Waterloo, New York was Memorial Day's official birthplace. Quote from History.com, "On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there." This was very important because it was the first time that people had the ability to remember those who died in the armed forces with others.

We celebrate this holiday known as Memorial Day to remember those who have passed that fought hard. On Memorial Day we will remember those who we will for now and forever remember as America's Heroes. So yes, we celebrate Memorial Day in honor of American soldiers.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Avery French for her very special contribution to Memorial Day and her community.

HONORING THE 175 INVENTORS IN-  
DUCTED AS THE 2020 FELLOWS  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF  
INVENTORS

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2020 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Tampa, FL that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew Hirshfeld. To be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 4,800 patents. This year's class of Fellows includes individuals from 115 research universities and non-profit research institutes span-

ning across the United States and the world. The now 1,403-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 165 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, nearly 600 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 45 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 63 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 40 Nobel Laureates, 392 AAAS Fellows, 264 IEEE Fellows and 184 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as the ones being inducted this month for their contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2020 NAI Fellows include: JD Albert, University of Pennsylvania; Naofal AlDhahir, The University of Texas at Dallas; Khalil Amine, Argonne National Laboratory; Ananth Annapragada, Baylor College of Medicine; Samuel Asirvatham, Mayo Clinic; William Bachovchin, Tufts University; George Barany, University of Minnesota; Randall Bateman, Washington University in St. Louis; Eric Beckman, University of Pittsburgh; Gary H. Bernstein, University of Notre Dame; Matt A. Bernstein, Mayo Clinic; Vaughn Betz, University of Toronto; Bir Bhanu, University of California; Riverside Venkat Bhethanabotla, University of South Florida; Ronald Biediger, Texas Heart Institute; Alexandra Boltasseva, Purdue University; Donal D.C. Bradley, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Bruce Branchaud, University of Oregon; Daniel Brown, Northwestern University; Susan K. Brown, Cornell University; Scott P. Bruder, Case Western Reserve; University Irwin Chaiken, Drexel University; V. Chandrasekar, Colorado State University; Chih-hung Chang, Oregon State University; HsuehChia Chang, University of Notre Dame; Ramalingam Chellappa, Johns Hopkins University; Kuan-Neng Chen, National Chiao Tung University; Jianjun Cheng, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Mung Chiang, Purdue University; Ki Chon, University of Connecticut; Keith M. Chugg, University of Southern California; Mark Clarke, University of Houston; Jason (Jingsheng) Cong, University of California, Los Angeles; Liming Dai, University of New South Wales; Rajesh Dave, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Valina Dawson, Johns Hopkins University; Nancy DeMore, Medical University

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